(c) and (d) Details of absconders and wanted in connection with terrorist activities and believed to be in Pakistan have been shared with the Government of Pakistan from time to time and repatriation to India sought.

Wearing of turban in French institutions

703. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, during the recent visit of the French President, Government took up the issue of wearing turban in French institutions which is violation of human rights affecting Indians especially the Sikh community;

(b) whether Government, in the national interest, would take the issue with French authorities; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Yes. During Prime Minister's recent visit to France on September 29-30, 2008, the issue of wearing turbans in some French institutions was taken up. The issue was also taken up during the visit of French President to India in January 2008.

(c) Does not arise.

Electricity through nuclear power

704. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether quantum of electricity generated through nuclear power in India is far low as compared to other developing countries;

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor;

(c) the share of electricity generated through nuclear power as compared to the other developing countries;

(d) whether electricity generated through nuclear is cheaper than that of thermal and hydro power;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the efforts being made by Government to increase generation of electricity through nuclear power in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) to (c) The (net) quantum of electricity generated from nuclear power and nuclear share in the total electricity generation in some of the developing countries during the calendar year 2007 are as under:

Country	Nuclear electricity generation in 2007	
	Net Generation (Million Units)	Share (%)
China	62,600	1.9
India	15,913	2.5
Brazil	12,366	2.8
Mexico	10,421	4.6
Argentina	6,721	6.2
Pakistan	2,310	2.3

Source: PRIS, IAEA. The above figures are net, excluding auxiliary consumption.

The nuclear share is low in view of low capacity base of nuclear power in the above countries.

(d) Nuclear power tariff are competitive with those of thermal power at locations away from coalmines. Hydro, being location and season specific, is not comparable.

(e) The average generation tariff of nuclear power stations in the year 2007-08 was Rs. 2.28 per kWh, which is comparable to that of non-pithead thermal power stations.

(f) The present installed nuclear power capacity of 4120 MWe will reach 7280 MWe by March 2011 with the progressive completion of projects under construction. More projects are also planned to increase the nuclear power capacity.

Amendment in passport act/rules

705. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the difficulties faced by the people in getting the names on passport document, specially the names of their deceased parents corrected;

(b) whether the Ministry had issued any guidelines to facilitate such correction;

(c) whether Government proposes to amend Passport Act or the rules framed thereunder amended for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) There are very clear rules regarding change of name in passport and are printed in the instruction booklet attached with the passport application form. These requirements include sworn and notarized deed poll in the prescribed *pro forma*, and two newspaper clippings announcing such name change, one in the newspaper in circulation at the applicant's permanent address and the other at the present address. Since name can be changed only by a living person, names of deceased parents cannot be corrected unless they themselves had changed their names during their lifetime and the applicant submits proof thereof.

(c) No.

(d) Not applicable.

Change in UK visa rules

706. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UK Government has changed visa rules with respect to Highly-Skilled Indian migrants;

(b) whether it is a fact that these rules, in practice, apply retrospectively;

(c) whether Government has taken up the matter with UK Government;

(d) the changes made in Visa rules; and

(e) the details of the representations made by representative bodies of Indian immigrants and also by Government?